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it, if it does, to these that are described in Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code? If they're a nonprofit organization, they don't have to have this 501(c)(3) status. You can be a nonprofit without obtaining that status, can't you?

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Well, it wouldn't be recognized by the Internal Revenue Service, Senator, as a nonprofit organization.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But we're not talking about, in this bill, anything to do with the non...with the Internal Revenue Service. We're talking about an organization that is nonprofit and is going to be given an exemption under this bill for certain activities that that organization will engage in. Isn't that true?

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Senator, the Federal...the FTC in fact does outline to...the exempt charities, generally. But they do outline that charities cannot participate in fraudulent activities. They cannot participate, during the course of phone solicitation, in threats, intimidation, profanity, obscene language. They cannot block a caller identification. They cannot conduct themselves in abusive behavior. They cannot have...I don't want to take all your time, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, that's all right. I'm listening.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: But this is all laid out in the FTC regulations.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So here's my question. Why do they need an exemption? What are they going to do that they need an exemption under this bill?

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: If a chartered, recognized nonprofit organization should make a call, a blind call, if you will, to an individual that's on this list, they will be looking at liability, even if it's unknown to the nonprofit that that individual that they were calling was on the don't call list.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So we're going to say that nonprofits do not have to inform themselves of the people who are on these no-call